MISSION in the SOUTH!

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MISSION 22: Operation Capture!

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IT WAS ALL SO SUDDEN, YOU KNOW?!
WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY WILL TRAUMATIZE ME FOR LIFE!!
More, please!
WAAAHHHH!!!
I CAN'T GET MARRIED ANY-MORE!
AHH! KASUMI, STOP CRYING!
DRAMA QUEEN ...
Crying
Crying
THE BOY WHO SAW YOU NAKED ...
PISSED
SMASH
IS NOT GONNA GET AWAY WITH THIS!!
Don't break stuff!!
WHAT-EVER!
IT WAS JUST A LITTLE BOY, RIGHT?
WELL, HE WAS ABOUT TEN YEARS OLD, BUT ...
I'M A SENSI-TIVE GIRL, SO...
AWKWARD
AWKWARD

KEKEKE!
ふるふる
ふるふる
"Sensitive girl"!!
YOU KNOW WHAT ?!
PISSED
ヒキッ
THAT'S NOTHING LIKE HER!
KASUMI? A "SENSITIVE GIRL" ?!
mmph!
ぶー
ぶるるるる
pfft!
RAWR
DON'T MOCK ME!!
I'M STILL A GIRL, OKAY?!
NEVER MIND THAT...
You guys are so awful!
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blow
HEY! YOU GUYS ARE BEING SO RUDE TO ME, YOU KNOW?!
A "GIRL," SHE SAYS !!
A "GIRL" ?!
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BAHAHAHA!
BAM BAM
ぶっ
pfft!

*Refer to Chapter 5
IT'S A REALLY BIG DEAL IF SOMEONE IS, IN FACT, HERE...
BUT YOU'VE CONFUSED A SCARE-CROW FOR A HUMAN BEFORE, SO...
TH...
JOLT
ピクッ
DID YOU REALLY SEE THAT BOY?
THERE IS SOMEONE HERE, AND I SAW HIM, AND HE SAW ME!!
THAT'S WHAT YOU SAY...
SNICKER SNICKER
SHE CONFUSED A SCARE-CROW FOR A HUMAN?!
BOOM
FINE! I'M GONNA CATCH THIS GUY MYSELF AND MAKE HIM APOLOGIZE!!
MOCK
ニヤニヤ
NOPE! A SCARE-CROW!
IT'S A PERSON!
A scarecrow!! Oh my god! What a hoot!! BAHAHAHA!!
THIS IS ALL HIS FAULT...
GRIMACE

LIVELY
わいわい
LIVELY
わいわい
LIVELY
ONLY TO END UP WORKING TOGETHER...

In the woods near the hot spring...
THEY WERE BICKERING THE WHOLE TIME...

I'M HELPING BECAUSE SETTING UP A TRAP SEEMS LIKE FUN!
I DON'T KNOW IF THAT BOY'S REALLY HERE OR NOT.
YOU SHOULD PLACE THIS ROPE HERE.
SQUEAL
YEAH! LET'S DO THAT!
IT WOULD'VE BEEN NICE IF RAIKA AND KUON COULD COME TOO.
SQUEAL

I'LL PASS.
I'M BUSY MAKING A MAP OF THE ROUTE THAT LEADS TO THE HOT SPRING.

IF YOU'RE FEELING LEFT OUT, SUBARU, WHY DON'T YOU COME JOIN US?

SO WHAT KIND OF TRAP ARE YOU GUYS SETTING UP?
SINCE YOU'RE INTERESTED, I'LL LET YOU IN ON IT!
I'LL BE HIDING IN THE TREES HOLDING THE ROPE TO A BAIT THAT WILL ENTICE HIM...
RIGHT WHEN THE SUBJECT IS DISTRACTED BY THE BAIT...
I SNAG HIM WITH THE ROPE IN ONE FELL SWOOP!!
TUG
Waaahhh!!
SO YOU'RE GONNA KEEP WATCH UNTIL HE COMES?
Even though you don't even know if he exists?
Sigh
IT'LL BE NOTHING COMPARED TO THE INSULT I JUST SWALLOWED...
WHAT ARE WE GONNA USE AS BAIT FOR THE TRAP?
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
I BROUGHT JUST THE THING!

YOINK
ひょいっ
KASUMI'S UNDER-WEAR!!
IF IT ALL BEGAN WITH KASUMI NAKED, THEN THIS WILL DO THE TRICK!
WHA ...?!
WHY DID YOU BRING THAT ?!
YEAH! HAVE YOU NO SHAME?!
WHAT? THIS IS PERFECT!
GIVE IT BACK!!
THEN USE MY UNDER-WEAR INSTEAD ...
NO!
ぴょん
BOING
ぴょん
BOING
I BETTER LEAVE THEM BE...

THERE! THE TRAP IS COMPLETE.
NOW ALL THAT'S LEFT IS FOR HIM TO STEP INTO IT!
snicker snicker
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...
I'M DONE WITH THE MAP, SO I'M GONNA HEAD BACK.
BESIDES, I SHOULD SEE HOW UTSURI-SAN AND KAGA-SAN ARE DOING BACK AT THE BASE.
OKIE DOKIE!
HM?
SUBARU, YOU FORGOT YOUR LUNCH!
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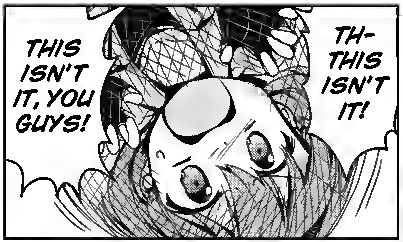
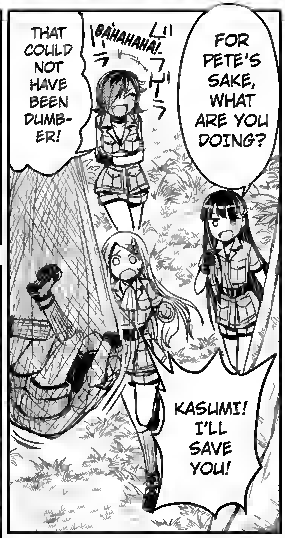
STEP
YOU'RE SO HOPE-LESS!
Oh!
AND ALSO, TRY NOT TO FALL INTO YOUR OWN...
TURN

WHISH
AHHHHH!!!
SHE GOT CAUGHT IN IT BEFORE I COULD WARN HER!


TH-THIS ISN'T IT!
THIS ISN'T IT, YOU GUYS!


FOR PETE'S SAKE, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
BAHAHAHA!
THAT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN DUMBER!
KASUMI! I'LL SAVE YOU!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE EXCUSES, Y'KNOW?
NO! I MEAN THIS TRAP!

THIS ISN'T THE TRAP THAT I SET UP!!
HUH?
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SNAP
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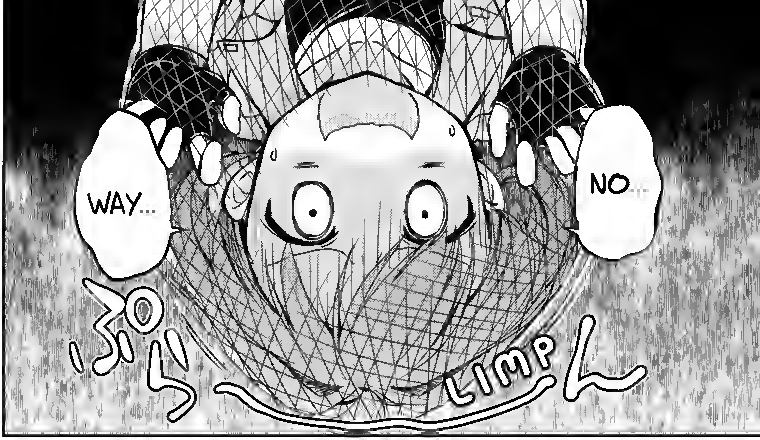
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
WHOOSH
YOU GUYS!!
THUNK
AHH!
EEK!


NO...
WAY...
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MAYBE KASUMI-CHAN AND THE OTHERS ARE BACK...
DID... YOU JUST HEAR SOME-THING?
HUH?

I'LL GO CHECK IT OUT, SO JUST REST, RAIKA.
DON'T MOVE, GOT THAT?
GRIN
TO BE CONTINUED
Who is this mysterious figure?